

## **ABC/25 General Meeting - October 12, 2017 - AHML**

- **Call to Order** - 7:20 by Angie Frye
- **Secretary's Report** – motion to approve May 2017 minutes
  - A. 1st: Angie Frye
  - B. 2nd: Nicole Escobedo

### **Treasurer's Report by Angie Frye (Will Unger absent)**

#### **Financial Report**

- Membership \$36400 (see report) - All Schools have met the \$2500.
- General Account
- School & Grant
- Matthew Ives - Track itself; District helps with cost. Family has requested sign be replaced and/or repaired due to wear and tear. District has been taking care of maintenance of track. Will talk with family and District on replacing and/or fixing sign.
- Marian Elliott Endowment - every year \$25,000 is distributed.
- KWB - \$25,000
- Any grant over \$1500
- Question on how the district purchases the grant items. Will follow up with Beth at the District Office.

#### **In School Fundraisers:**

- There is some confusion regarding the in school fundraisers. A few school were under the impression that ABC/25 wasn't looking to hold them this year. Due to that miscommunication some Principals/schools gave away prizes.
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- An email will be sent out regarding a miscommunication stating that the fundraisers will be back in full next year and that schools can still opt to hold a fundraiser this year if they would like to. We would prefer school's PTA not to take it over, if this becomes an issue please bring it to the group. Olive School noted that if other schools are not participating then they will opt out for the year.
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- A problem with the in school fundraisers is that South & Thomas has a difficult time in deciding what to do.

Should we look at something to replace Yankee Candle this year?  
Possible Dine & Shares?

### **In School Fundraisers (cont.):**

- Reevaluating the memberships. Looking to possibly enact membership levels based on donations. This year we are good financially since we did not have to share jmi profits with Pta council last year or going forward. However next year we will need to do a district wide fundraiser.

### **President's Report - Angie Frye**

- Great job on promoting memberships. Every school met the goal & beyond. Membership drive until 12/1. Can remove from PTA newsletter.
- Discontinuing monthly newsletter. Will send a letter thanking families for donation in late October/ early November
- **Colonial Reenactment:** Will be sending out communication to Fifth (5th) Grade parents about the reenactment. Highlighting how ABC/25 assists in funding the reenactment. Letter will be emailed to liaisons to send to families. Will ask for additional donation.

### **Teacher Grant Update:**

- 101 grants submitted: 83 KWB, 18 ME
- Scores due November 6th, use the spreadsheets
- Mandatory meeting for selection Tuesday November 14th @6:30 PM at Michele's home (909 N. Walnut Ave.)
- online voting for Board that night, watch your email after 8pm
- Need to make sure grants for tech & furniture are run by District Office.
- Grant recipient recognition at schools/school board
- Online voting via email. Discussion on how to recognize teachers who win without alienating those who did not and/or did not apply. All Grant Proposals will be given a thank you letter indicating thank you for applying as well letting the staff member know if they won or lost.

- Will repeat congratulatory lightbulbs for winners.
- Will reuse photo frame from last year for social media.

### **Questions about grant process:**

- What to do about a grant that does not list complete information on how the grant will be used and/or what grade level the grant is for? Grant #104 was questionable.
- Do we pull grants without all information? Update: decision made to score the grants as usual and discuss at meeting
- Do we reach out to the grant writer for the information? Update: no
- Some grants are written in vague terms.
- Is there a place to for a checklist to see what should be on the grant? Website has a checklist.
- Traditionally there is no communication between grant writers and grant scorers. As a foundation we need to completely impartial.
- Principals are supposed to sign off on grant proposals. There should not be group proposals.
- Grants not approved get the grants back with feedback. In addition, will be sent to grant writer's school Principal.
- Goal is to have sample Binders with previous grants that are funded/partially funded as a guideline on how to write a grant.
- At the upcoming Grant meeting most of the discussion will be on the middle scored ones. Open discussion to follow.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:07 pm**

### **Important Meeting Dates:**

- Grant Selection Meeting - **Tuesday November 14th at 6:30 PM – LIAISONS ONLY, Michele Bozikis' home**

- Next Foundation Meeting – **December 12, 2017 7:15 Olive LMC**
  - Topics: Teacher Grant announcements, JMI